

PAINTED UTILITY BOXES IN SAN DIEGO

While the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture does not administer the painted utility box programs, we receive many inquiries about them. Most of the programs are administered by business improvement organizations. Please find information about various utility box painting programs throughout the city and county of San Diego below.

Uptown Partnership

The Uptown Partnership in collaboration with the volunteer San Diego artists have been creating an urban art trail of bright, bold, and colorfully painted utility boxes in the Hillcrest and Mission Hills neighborhoods.

Contact: Giovanna Solimine, gs@uptownpartnership.org, www.uptownpartnership.org

North Park Main Street

The North Park Main Street “gallery” began in 2001 and was organized by Julie Edelman. Funds were generously provided by a grant from the San Diego Foundation.

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Discover Pacific Beach Public Art Program

Discover Pacific Beach is seeking artwork that engages this neighborhood’s history and culture while adding to the unique public art collection that already exists in the neighborhood.

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City of Vista Public Arts Commission- “Vista in Bloom”

The City of Vista Public Arts Commission sponsors a city-wide utility box beautification project called “Vista in Bloom”. The project celebrates community pride and involves the painting of designated utility boxes in the downtown Vista area.

Contact: Darin Loughrey, (760) 726-1340 x1141, dloughrey@ci.vista.ca.us, www.ci.vista.ca.us/agenda/cap/arts/vista_in_bloom.asp

Chula Vista Downtown Business Association

The Utility Box Beautification Project was designed to enhance the overall appearance of downtown Chula Vista by transforming utility boxes from plain green boxes to distinctive works of art. This project was made possible with the participation of local artists and volunteers.

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